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1.5	According to Scalimper (fnu), head of a department in the East German State Secretariat for Vehicular Traffic and Highways, about 40 percent of the trucks in East Termany of over two tons in capacity are out of operation because of lack of repair parts. Most of these trucks are of West Terman manufacture, and parts for them cannot be obtained because of the shortage of West German currency or because the West German plants refuse delivery of the parts.	
2.	The situation became so acute that the matter was discussed in a meeting of the East German Council of Ministers A suggestion by State Secretary Otto (fnu) that manufacture of these parts in East Germany be initiated was approved, and the East German Ministry for Transportation and Agricultural Machine Construction was designated as responsible for carrying out this program.	
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	a plant devoted solely to the construction of would have to be set up in East Germany before	automotive spare parts the end of 1954. A
	construction office for designing these parts functioning by 15 October 1953, under Christia Hellerau, Auf cem Sand 6. The construction of on parts for the more popular brands of truck Daimler-Benz, Opel and Ford. Samples will havillegally from West German automotive agents.	an Stiasni of Dresden- ffice is to begin work s i.e. Buessing, MAN,
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